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## Testimony

In Support of Proposed S.B. No. 448
An Act Concerning The Installation Of Sound Barriers Along State Highways In Fairfield
County

Transportation Committee February 24, 2009

Dear Chairman DeFronzo, Chairman Guerrera and members of the Transportation Committee:

I am writing in support of S.B. No. 448, An Act Concerning The Installation Of Sound Barriers along State Highways In Fairfield County.

While only a portion of my district borders I-95, a significant percentage of it is within earshot. Several constituents have either written or called me to inquire about the possibility of sound barriers. In fact, many friends have spoken to me about the need for them for several years, long before I was a state representative.

The noise can be heard in homes over a mile away. However, for those close by, it can be extremely disrupting and unhealthy.

As for the point some will make that people bought the homes after I-95 was built, that is not always the case as many homes bordering the turnpike were built before 1957. These residents have had to endure the noise, pollution, and unsightliness for decades.

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I, along with hundreds of people in my district, support *S.B. No. 448* and the erection of sound barriers along I-95 in Fairfield County.

Thank you for your attention to this issue.

Sincerely,

Fred Camillo

State Representative